(Kephart:) Masa NCMC

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FRANKLIN, NORTH CAROLINA

July 1, 1932.

Mr. George Masa,
Arcade Bldg.,
Asheville, N.C.

Dear Mr. Masa:

Confirming our telephone conversation of June 24, it will be possible for us to place a truck at the disposal of the Carolina A. T. Club on Sunday, July 24. The Club may use Wilson Lick Cabin as a stopping place on the night of Saturday, July 23, unless Ranger Byrd, who is in charge of the cabin, has given previous permission for its use on that date to others. I am asking him to notify you immediately if so. It is understood you wish the truck to carry the hikers from Tellico Gap back to their cars at Wilson Lick. Please write me the number expected to make the hike.

Very sincerely yours,

John B Byrne

John B. Byrne,
Forest Supervisor.

(Kephart) Mass NCMC See Dench from Mass 7/6/1932

From ERNEST A. DENCH HO-HO-KUS NEW JERSEY

DATA AND PHOTOGRAPHS REQUIRED FOR IMPORTANT MAGAZINE ARTICLE ON THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL

The editor of a new popular science magazine(as ± yet unnamed) has commissioned me to prepare a two-thousand word article on THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL. It will incorporate all possible facts.

Where your particular section is concerned, I should like to know--

1--The number of workers engaged on the actual construction work.
2--The number of workers entrusted with the maintenance.
3--Are they all volunteers? If any paid labor was used, please explain the circumstances.
4--The major problems encountered and how solved.
5--The financial outlay for such supplies as paint, markers, etc. Separately itemize these, please.

I will, of course, accord your club or group full credit for such information.

PHOTOGRAPHS

I am asked to furnish a set of photographs--glossy, unmounted black prints not smaller than 5"x7" or larger than 8"x10"--of representative sections of the A-T.

Some will be scenic views, with preferably a hiker or a hiking group in them. Others will be views of the trail builders actually at work on the A-T.

I will, naturally, reimburse your club or any individual member for all photographs purchased by the magazine for publication. The usual magazine rate is from $2.00 to $3.00 apiece for such photos. Remuneration will be made at time I am paid for by magazine. I will duly return all unavailable photos.

I have to complete this important article by the end of June, so I will appreciate your prompt cooperation.

As to my credentials, I am a professional writer whose hobby is hiking. I am also one of the officers of the INTERSTATE HIKING CLUB.

Fraternally yours

Ernest A. Dench

Would you care to exchange "No Carolina Bulletin" with our I.H.C. Schedule?

(Kephart:) Masa Nemc

July 6, 1932.

Mr. Oliver G. Taylor,
Assistant Chief Engineer,
National Park Service,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Taylor;

The maps which you so kindly sent me now exhausted even I carefully distributed and I like to have some of our Club members obtain it as we have been Smokies many times and will have some more trips to be made.

If you can spare me 15 copies I certainly appreciate the map which I talking about are preliminary Base Map of the Great S Smoky Mountains National Park issued by your Service.

We made trips to Mt. Guyot and one party to Mt. Le Conte last Sunday. That day unusual clear day and we saw Mt. Mitchell from tower of Mt. Guyot, sure it was surprised me.

As I expected that evening sure we had rain at camp, Trilliums, Rhododendrons(purple) flame Azalea is gone but we still have Purple franged Orchis, lilies and American Rhododendron (white) blooming, I wish you were with us.

Same old Smokies but each time we have different scenes whatever make trips into it, I never tired of it.

If you like to have some views taken from Mt. Guyot I am very glad send you some, with warmest regards.

Very sincerely yours,

George Masa,
P. O. Box 1348, Asheville, N.C.

(Kephart:) Masa ncmc

July 6, 1932.

Mr. Ernest A. Dench,
Hohokus, N. J.

Dear Me. Dench;

Your letter of June 12 addressed to Mr. Geo. Stephens, our president forwarded to me last week just before I started to Great Smoky Mountains trip.

Unfortunately Mr. Stephens had new job connect with Boys Camp which operates in summer season, gone scouting trips to West, when I received yours it seems to me too late but if there is still any chance I am very glad datas and photographs send to you.

I am sure if you communicate with Mr. Myron H. Avery, U. S. Shipping Board, Washington, D. C. who is Chairman of Board, Appalachian Trail Conference you will have all informations you need except photographs.

I am so sorry this delay happened on account of our president absence.

Very truly yours,

George Masa,
P.O.Box 1348,
Asheville, N.C.

(Replaces:) Masa Memo

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Andrews, N. C.
July 12, 1932.

Mr. George Masa
Arcade Building
Asheville, N. C.

Dear Mr. Masa:

I had a letter from Mr. Bryne, dated July 1, 1932, stating that you are desirous of using Wilson Lick Cabin on Saturday and Sunday, July 23 and 24, and that you would also like to have a truck to carry your party from Tellico Gap back to Wilson Lick.

I will be very glad to have you use the cabin and will arrange to have a truck transport your party from Tellico Gap.

Very sincerely yours,

Z. B. Byrd
Forest Ranger

ZBB:gd

(Kephart) Masa NCMC

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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
FIELD HEADQUARTERS, EASTERN ENGINEERING DIVISION
WASHINGTON

JUL 14 1932

Mr. George Masa,
P. O. Box 1348,
Asheville, North Carolina.

Dear Mr. Masa:

In reply to your letter of July 6 I wish to advise I am referring your letter to Superintendent Eakin who no doubt will be able to spare you some of the maps which you request for the members of the Carolina Mountain Club.

I would have enjoyed such a trip as you had to Mt. Guyot. You were fortunate to have had such a clear day. It was a great disappointment to me not to get down to the Smokies when all the blossoms were out but I must reserve that for another year now.

Thank you for your offer of photographs from Mt. Guyot. I shall not request any but I will be glad to see them when I am again in Asheville.

Yours very truly,

Oliver G. Taylor

Oliver G. Taylor
Assistant Chief Engineer.

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July 18, 1932

Mr. George Masa,
Arcade Building,
Asheville,N.C.

Dear George,

Two weeks ago yesterday, a group of us were climbing Mt. Chapman, taking Col. Chapman up,for his first trip. As we were nearing the top, we yelled and got a response, presumably from members of your Club, which I believe made the ascent of Guyot on the same weekend. I thought if you did not know, it might interest you to find out to whom you were shouting.

Three weeks ago as Jim Thompson has probably written you, our Club conducted a very successful scout from Tapoco to the Nantahala Gorge. ~~xxxxx~~ We also sent one party from Wesser Station toward Wesser Bald, and gained some information but did not satisfactorily make the connection.

Yours,

Harvey

Hike with Us if You Would Enjoy the Charm and Grandeur of the Great Smokies

(Kephart:) Masa memo

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JUL 19 1932

Mr. George Masa,
P. O. Box 1348,
Asheville, N. C.

Dear Mr. Masa:

Your request for 15 copies of the base map has been referred to me by Assistant Chief Engineer Taylor.

I am very happy to send them to you under separate cover.

With best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

J. R. Eakin.

J. R. Eakin,
Superintendent.

cc- Mr. Taylor.

(Kephart:) Mana NCMC

15 BROAD STREET
NEW YORK

July 22, 1932.

Carolina Mountain Club,
Asheville,
North Carolina.

Dear Sirs:

I am planning a hiking trip in the vicinity of Mt. Mitchell. I should very much appreciate it if you would send me any information you have concerning trails in that region. If there is any charge for such information, I should be glad to pay it.

Very truly yours,

Edward McLean

Edward C McLean

Mailed State Park Folders

" "Mt. Mitchell Division"

(Kephart:) Massa UCMC

Waynesville, N.C.
July 25th, 1932.

Mr. George Massa,
Asheville, N.C.

My Dear George,

I have investigated the Purchase Hiking Trip, and have permission from the owners.

Am submitting data on two routes, either of which is very good. It occurred to me that the 4-mile hike along the high divide might appeal to some of the members, and personally I would prefer this trip. Consult your own feelings and some of the members and decide which trip would be more suitable at this time.

You will also note that I have left the time of departure from Asheville blank. You know the habits of the members there better than I do. Please supply suitable hour. Any time will suit me.

On the Hemphill route therewill be about a mile of very steep climbing. On the other there will be but very little climbing.

Yours very truly,

H.C. Wilburn.

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JUL 26 1932

Mr. George Masa,
P. O. Box 1348,
Asheville, North Carolina.

Dear Mr. Masa:

Receipt is acknowledged of snap-shots sent Mr. Taylor, who is out of the city at this time. I am sure he will greatly appreciate these interesting photographs which will be called to his attention promptly upon his return.

Sincerely yours,

A. E. Demaray

A. E. DEMARAY
Senior Assistant Director.

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Appalachian Trail

Franklin, North Carolina

July 26, 1932.

Mr. Myron H. Avery,
U. S. Shipping Board,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Avery:

Reference is made to your letter of July 14.

A portion of the cyclone that came from Central Alabama passed over the east section of this forest in the spring in the vicinity of the Appalachian Trail. The trail was filled up with down trees from Tray Mountain north to the North Carolina Line so that it took two men most of a month to clean it out. It is open now and I expect to go over it early in the fall. I have made arrangements with George Masa to accompany me from Deep Gap near Standing Indian south into Georgia, so that the remaining portion of the North Carolina end can be marked and the Georgia section handled at the same time.

Best personal regards.

Very sincerely yours,

Sgd- John B. Byrne,
Forest Supervisor.

Dear Warner:

Because of the transportation facilities this will afford it seems to me like a rate opportunity to connect up with the party for some of the G.A.T.C. to measure the trail and procure data to Tray. This would make it easier to get the remainder. You will soon have to be devoting much attention to the matter of the data and I thought this a good opportunity. Don't you think it worth putting up to the powers of the G.A.T.C. to get some one to go along and get the data. If so show him my letter of advice.

Yours, M.H.A.

July 26, 1932.

Mr. Edward C. McLean,
15 Broad Street,
New York City.

Dear Mr. McLean;

Your letter of July 22nd handed me by our Secretary today regarding trails in Mt. Mitchell section.

I requested Mr. Mattoon, Supervisor of Pisgah National Forest send your their map " Mt. Mitchell Division, Pisgah National Forest"

This map shows most of trails in the vicinity of Mt. Mitchell so I want you look over and please let me know where about you like to hike, then I can give you more details about trails.

In this map Highway condition as follows:-

Highway	No.10	Hard surfaced.	
"	No.69	" "	
"	No.695	" "	(between Stockville to Burnardsville)
"	No.104	" "	
"	No.19	" "	(except between Mitchell, McDowell countyline and Woodlawn)

Most of county road are good condition in dry weather.

As you know there are Motor Road to Mt. Mitchell - Toll Road - one from 1 mile East of Black Mountain and others from West side of Mt. Mitchell so called Big Tom Wilson Motor Road.

Hike up to Mt. Mitchell, I believe you can set up your base camp at Busick where Forest ranger station locates, is best place, you could go thru Higgin Bald to top or follows S. Toe River to Blue Ridge then swing to Mt. Mitchell, it depend on how long you like to hike.

Please feel free that any informations you like to have just write to me, I am very glad furnish you with great pleasure and without any cost.

This Black Mountain Range still have virgin timbers and untouched by human being's hands, in some area so I am sure you will enjoy your hike.

I am enclosing here in State Park folder that you may get some idea about crest of Black Mountain range.

Very sincerely yours,

George Masa,
P. O. Box 1348,
Asheville, N.C.

COPY

July ~~June~~ 27, 1932

Mr. George M. Stephens, President
Carolina Mountain Club
Asheville
North Carolina

Dear Mr. Stephens:

For some time I have been writing articles for The Christian Science Monitor on the Appalachian Trail in particular, and hiking clubs in general, and of course am interested in all phases of hiking.

In a recent talk with Mr. Myron H. Avery of the Appalachian Trail Conference I learned that practically all the hiking clubs in the south were established as a direct result of the Appalachian Trail project. This, I think, is a good subject for a Monitor story. For this reason I am writing to you, at Mr. Avery's suggestion, for information on the Carolina Mountain Club.

Data on the following topics would be appreciated greatly; the date of establishment of the club, its purpose, number of members, the part on the A.T. under the club's jurisdiction, other trails built and maintained by the organization, and the total mileage of the club's trails. Also, was the club actually established because of the Appalachian Trail? Was hiking interest high in North Carolina before the Appalachian Trail was cut? Was the club organized before or after the A.T. was constructed in North Carolina?

In addition I should like to know whether any other hiking clubs exist in North Carolina, and if so, the address of the secretary or president, so that I may obtain as complete information as possible on North Carolina hiking.

I shall appreciate any aid you can give to me.

Sincerely yours,

Edgar M. Mills

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(Kephart:) Masa news

WILDACRES HOTEL

POST OFFICE ADDRESS, SPRUCE PINE, N. C.

Stanley Gresley, Manager

July 29th 1932

Mr. Geo Masa
Asheville NC.

Dear Mr. Masa,

Referring to your letter of 18th Inst in reply to mine of 16th Inst regarding Hiking Club coming here, I wish to thank you for taking the matter up with your Committee

There is a gentleman here, Mr Sam Mims, one of the owners of Wildacres property, who has kindly offered to act as guide to your party Mr Mims is a splended hiker and knows the country around here, and can take your club to any of the interesting objectives within walking distance.

This territory and the views from our hotel just have to be seen by you, and I want you to come up here and have lunch as my guest in the near future. I think the Hiking Club would make a real descovery if they have not been here. There are over 100 miles of good trails leading off from the hotel, and a visit to this section would really be worth while

Hoping you can make a trip up here very soon—

Yours Sincerely

Stanley Gresley Mgr Wildacres Hotel

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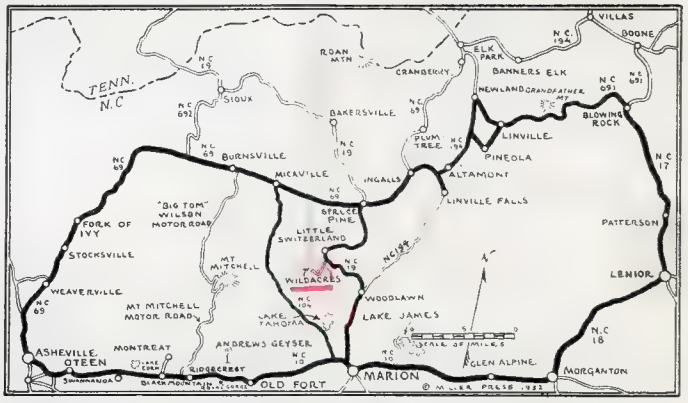

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AUG -4 1932

Mr. George Masa,
P. O. Box 1348,
Asheville, N. C.

Dear Mr. Masa:

I have your letter of August 1 and thank you for the newspaper clippings.

We have not yet worked out any policy in connection with the installation of tourist facilities. This is one of the problems to which Superintendent Eakin is now giving his attention.

I will look forward to meeting you some time in the near future.

Sincerely yours,

A. E. Demaray

A. E. Demaray,
Acting Director.

(Kephart) Masa name

WILDACRES HOTEL

POST OFFICE ADDRESS, SPRUCE PINE, N. C.

Stanley Gresley, Manager

Aug 9th 1932

Mr Geo Masa
Asheville NC

Dear Mr Masa

Yours of 6th just received and I shall look forward to your visit with much pleasure and hope you will come up soon.

Regarding rate for accommodations for Hiking Club, will be glad to make a special price based on three dollars per day, deducting for meals missed. For instance if the party spent Saty night with dinner and breakfast it would be $2.50 for each person, or any part of a day would be figured proportionately.

There are several other very interesting trips which may be taken from here, and you can consider them when you want us

Hoping to see you soon -

With best regards

Very Sincerely Yours

Stanley Gresley

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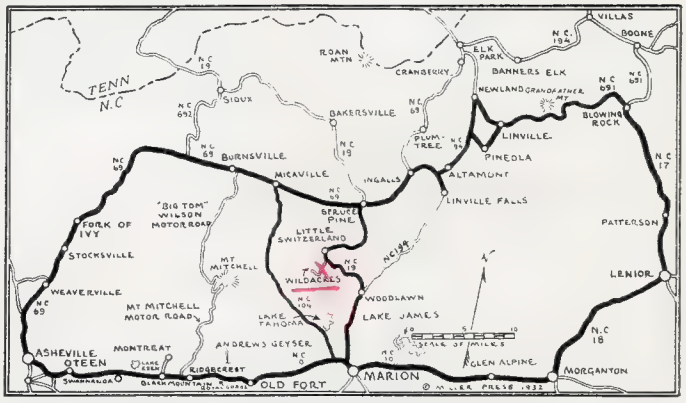

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12 August 1932.

Mr. George Masa,
Box 1348,
Asheville, North Carolina.

Dear Mr. Masa:

I thank you very much for your recent letter and the kindness of your club in planning to change the trip to cover Indian Gap and Clingsman Dome. This change will undoubtedly meet with hearty approval and I hope that you will visit this highest mountain in the Great Smokies.

Recently I saw your bulletin for August and September, and had noted that you were planning a trip to Clingmans Dome for September; then, I had felt a slight regret that would not be able to make that trip on account of making the other trip in August. You can thus judge my satisfaction in receiving word that you are changing your plans and will in August make this trip to Clingmans Dome.

Due to some of our members being out of town and some not being able to get away, it is probably that we will not be in evidence with many members, but what we will lack in quantity will be more than made up in enthusiasm for the trip and in appreciation to your club for its courtesy in planning a trip especially with us in mind.

I have, today, given to the press a story embodying the change in plans and will thus communicate the change to the members of the club and to the interested public.

We regret that we will have to return to Lynchburg on Monday and so will not be able to have you take us on other interesting trips in your territory. We are grateful to you for your kindness in volunteering to accompany us and show us other points of scenic interest in your beautiful state.

With best regards and good wishes,

Cordially yours,

Fred. M. Davis,
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August 16, 1932.

Dear George:

I have been away up north for a week and when I came back I had a heavy load of accumulated work and correspondence to attend to. So I have been delayed in answering your letters of August 3rd. and 8th.

You sent me all the photos I wanted. I had a great time going over them. I think I could travel better with them than by a map. The Camp Creek Bald panorama is very fine indeed. almost the best.

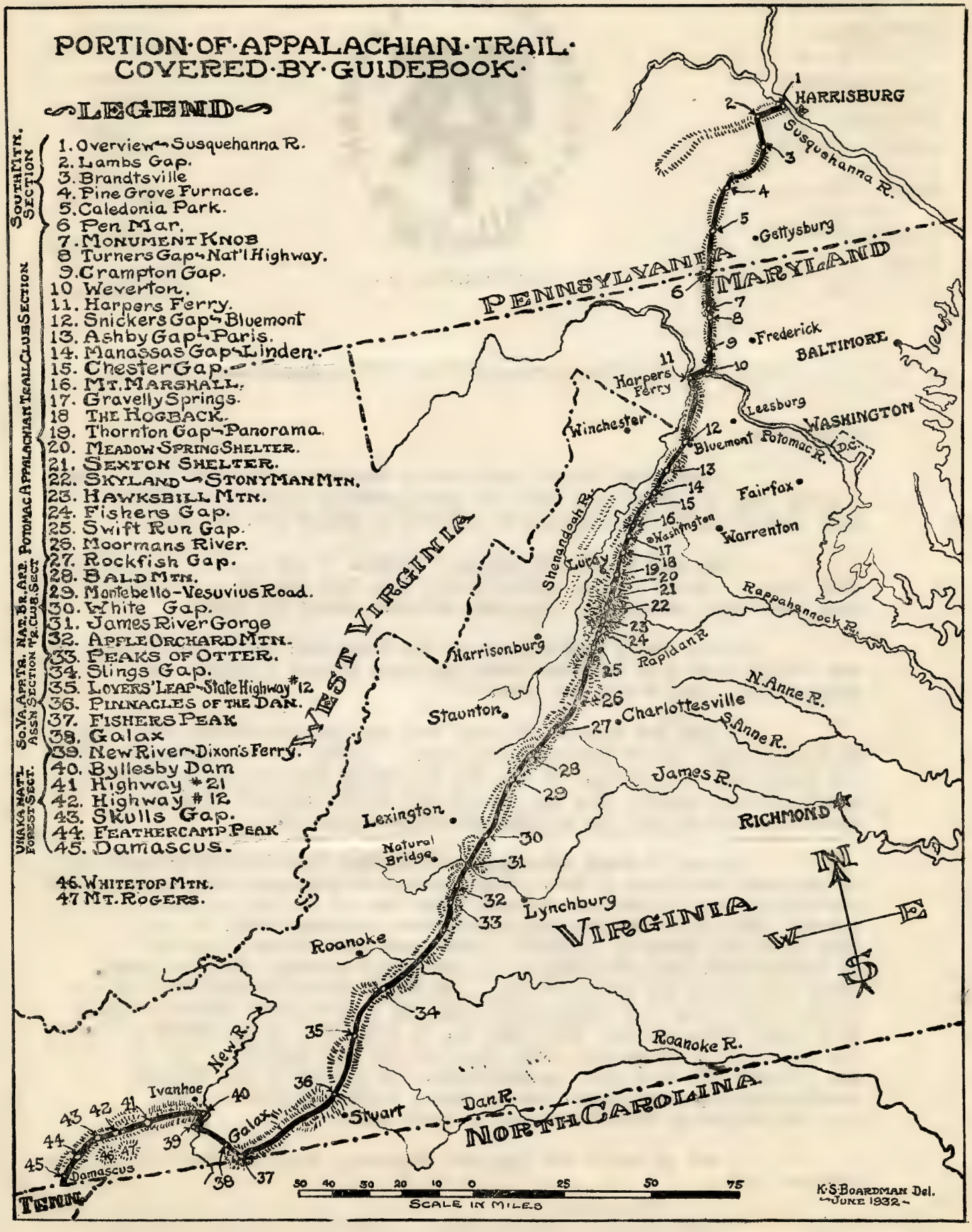
I find that I need a print of the following: S-220, S-199, S-208 and I would like 2 of the Camp Creek panoramas (S-218) I think. The enclosed will help defray the cost.

I have had Charlie Williams send you 200 markers and nails. Let me know if they aren't received in a week. Always use the galvanized nails and leave them projecting. If you use the copper markers you really need a nail in each corner. They are so soft and people can pull them off. But they can't get off the galvanized iron ones easily.

Now as to paint our experience is that Titanium Oxide-Double White is the very best thing to use. Take a gallon of the paste and dilute it with one half gallon linseed oil-no more. Just have it so that it will spread. This paint has the best hiding power and long life. It is very white and shows up at night. Either cut your blazes or put it on smooth bark. On large trees it is bad to cut blazes. Then you paint rocks and ledges etc across fields. At the places where the trail enters woods after going over fields many clubs use targets-large round or square or 8 sided white boards. They show up. An arrow will point toward the target You will find a lot of dope about paint in the A.T. Manual. Now you can probably buy this paint in Asheville. It is made by the Howland-Bradford Co., Medford, Mass. and is really worth your while to get it. The Bureau of Standards finds it wears best.

I was in Boston and saw that Appalachia had been received when you returned it.

I have had now word of what is going on in Knoxville except a demand for 500 markers.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Now George will you have this done. We want our Bulletin Editor, Miss Bowers at the address above added to your mailing list so that she can review and comment upon your bulletin in ours. I receive it but I like to keep my copy. ~~if necessary~~

Hope that the C.A.T.C. will take up to Unaka Springs.

Within a day or so you will have my letter to Graham about my southern trip which I hope to make soon. I wish you would study over the schedule and let me know if you think it can be made. I shall not try alone between Unaka Springs and Devils Fork. Not sure of route and a waste of time if one misses it. We would have wheel and could measure and describe the trail if properly guided. Moreover I hope you can be with us part of the time in Pisgah. If you have not converted the log into a narrative, we can easily do this as we go along as we have the distances from your wheel. Has the route all the way been finally selected and marked.? If not marked could we travel it with you-so we would get correct description. Wait until you get the carbon of my letter to Graham before you answer. Perhaps if you decide to go with us over Big Bald, we would meet at Unaka Springs. Where would be a good place to stay? Erwin?

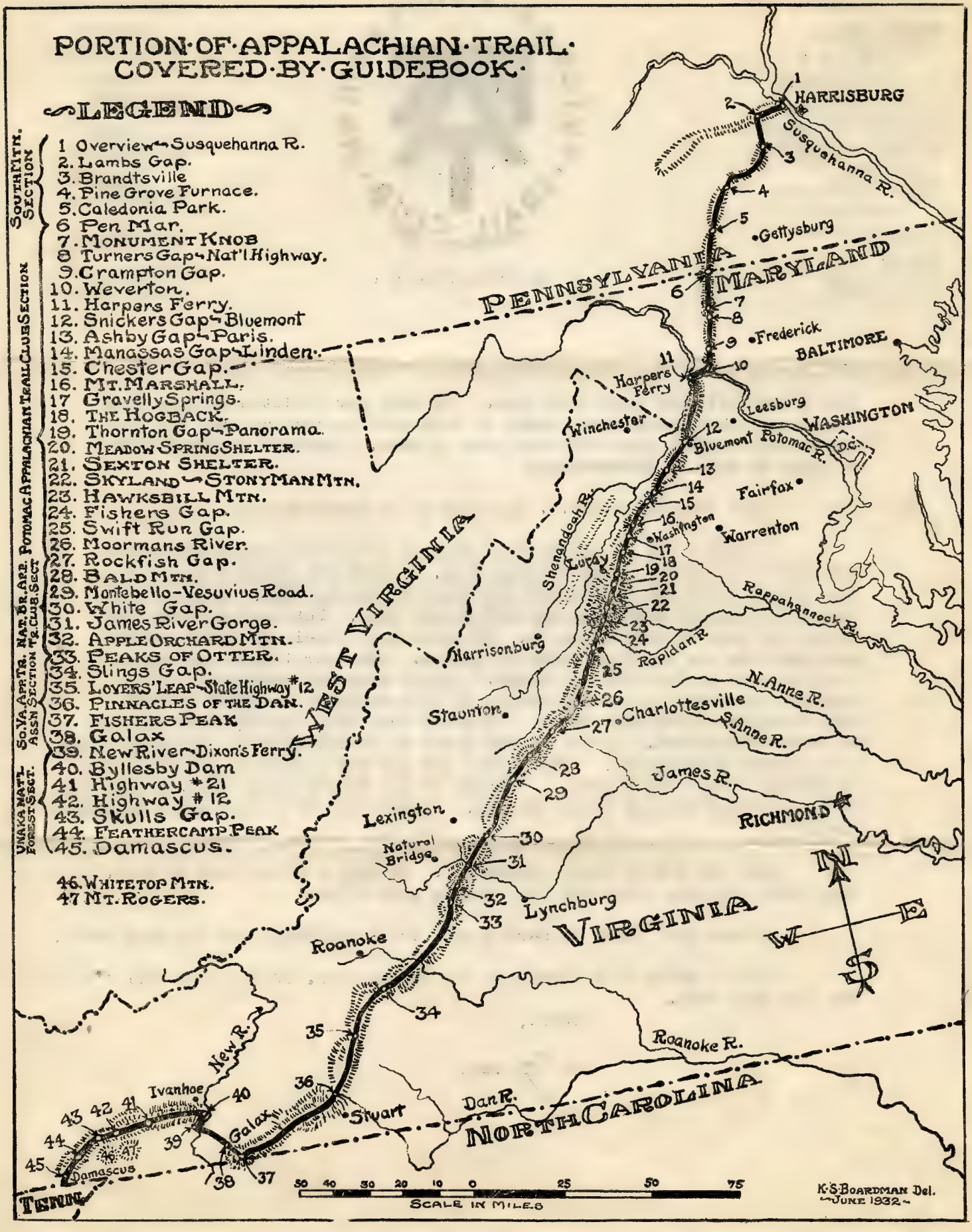
That was a good story on the A.T. We keep a scrap book of them. More power to you. That map will make a good slide.

We use blue paint to mark a side trail and white for the main trail.

Well I guess this clears up all the matters. If all goes well I shall see you very soon.

Yours,

M. H. Avery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Waynesville, N.C.
August 17th, 1932

Mr. George Massa,
Arcade Building,
Asheville, N.C.

My Dear George,

Get out your "advance sheet" No. 12 of the new park topo map. You will notice in the southeast and east square a small blank area something less than the size of your hand. As you know, this is a part of the area mapped by the Tennessee Park Commission [illegible] shown on the sheet that you will probably recall that I let you have in another exchange for another sheet of the same area but on a smaller scale.

What I want is to know whether you can photograph this small area in a suitable scale to insert in "advance sheet No. 12 to fill in the blank area? Of course I think some little adjustments will have to be made in order to make the contours fit in right, but I am very anxious to fill in this little blank space so that I can use this entire sheet in my work. Let me know whether you think you can make me a copy in the right scale to fit in here and what the cost will be.

Thanking you I am

Yours very truly,

H. C. Wilburn

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POST OFFICE DEPT
PLUMTREE, N. C.
Aug 24th, 1932.

Carolina Mountain Club

Asheville, N. C.

Dear Sir:

It is impossible for me to give you information, in regard to your letter of Aug, 12th.

There seems that no one that I have asked about "The Rocks" knows any thing about same. Will be glad to co-operate in any way that I can, as to furnish you with information.

Very Respectfully.

Joe C. Vance Postmaster

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August 26 1932

Mr. George Masa
P.O., Box 1348
ASHEVILLE--NORTH CAROLINA

Dear Mr. Masa--

I really owe you an apology for my tardiness in acknowledging your welcome letter of July sixth. I "stole" a whole month for a vacation and returned to a mail-cluttered desk. Before I could even touch the volume of correspondence, I had a number of deadline dates to meet with urgent stories.

Not only did I knock out the ordered 2000 word story on the A-T, but I secured so much valuable data from the various clubs and ~~indidtv~~ individuals that I wrote a series of three A-T articles in addition for speculative placing with some susceptible publication. It's just too bad there are not more hikers and climbers in editorial chairs; they might publish more articles than they do at present.

My collection of A-T photographs is STILL shy of Southern examples below Virginia. Can you remedy the deficiency? I have been in touch with the ASHEVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE and Mr. Topping pays you a compliment by stating that you have the best and most complete files of negatives of the region.

Undoubtedly there are some of these which I could sell with or without my A-T stories, and if you care to send me a selection, I will gladly turn over 50% of the gross proceeds at the time the sale is made of the photo or photos.

I prefer action pictures to those of still life. For instance--a hiker on a mountain top looking into the distance or a volunteer crew at work on the A-T with paint pots, shears and axes.

I am well-known to Raymond H. Torrey, chairman of the New York-Jersey a*t section, and I give you his name as reference concerning my honesty and standing in local hiking circles.

Cordially yours

Ernest A. Dench

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THE NATIONAL PARKS, OUR SUPER-UNIVERSITY OF NATURE

From Remarks by John C. Merriam before the National Conference on Outdoor Recreation, January 20, 1926, on "The Responsibilities of Federal and State Governments for Recreation"

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"WHILE the National Parks serve in an important sense as recreation areas, their primary uses extend far into that fundamental education which concerns real appreciation of nature. Here beauty in its truest sense receives expression and exerts its influence along with recreation and formal education. To me the parks are not merely places to rest and exercise and learn. They are regions where one looks through the veil to meet the realities of nature and of the unfathomable power behind it.

"I CANNOT say what worship really is—nor am I sure that others will do better—but often in the parks, I remember Bryant's lines, 'Why should we, in the world's riper years, neglect God's ancient sanctuaries, and adore only among the crowd, and under roofs that our frail hands have raised?' National Parks represent opportunities for worship through which one comes to understand more fully certain of the attributes of nature and its Creator. They are not objects to be worshipped, but they are altars over which we may worship."

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3. To protect National Parks against whatever may tend to disturb their continuity of natural conditions or to diminish their effectiveness as supreme expression of beauty and majesty in nature.

4. To promote use of National Parks for purposes of popular education and scientific investigation.

5. To promote a national recreational policy under which publicly owned lands of the nation shall be equipped for recreational service of the people so far as this is consistent with other requirements.

6. To protect wild birds, animals and plants, and conserve typical areas existing under primitive conditions.

7. To aid specialist organizations, and to interest organizations of many kinds and the people generally, in these objectives.

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Washington, D. C.,
August 29, 1930.

Mr. George Masa,
Arcade Building,
Asheville, N. C.

Dear Mr. Masa:

Your interest in the grandeur and primitive beauty of our National Parks suggests the help you could be in the enterprise in public welfare which is this Association's primary object. The parks have greater uses by far than merely interesting pleasure. It needs one who has studied them to realize that.

The National Park Service is the Government's business and travel administrator of the System. The National Parks Association, which writes you this letter, is the voice of the people in realization of the gifts of supreme beauty, inspiration and education which these parks offer to the people.

We invite you to join the Association and add your efforts to ours in defense of the System's threatened standards and in its upbuilding in accord with historic ideals--yours in your own home environment, and ours in the broader field of Congress. The influence of an Association is measured by the quality of its membership. The work needs you.

As a member, you will receive our full service including publications. To join, enclose dues with your name and address. You will soon find your natural field of activity.

Sincerely yours,
NATIONAL PARKS ASSOCIATION

Robert Sterling Yard

Robert Sterling Yard
General Secretary

Copy for Mr. George Masa

September 14, 1932

Mr. Myron H. Avery
Chairman, The National Appalachian Trail Association
% The Potomac Trail Club,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

A recent article in the Asheville Citizen prompts me to inquire whether any opportunity might offer for writing and collating the material to be used in the booklets which your organization is to issue.

I have done considerable commercial writing. While it is not very remunerative, the work is very interesting and intriguing.

I presume that the booklets are to be free of advertising but if it is to be financed in that way, I could qualify also in the solicitation of advertising copy in the towns bordering on the National Park and territory near the Appalachian Trail.

Awaiting your reply with interest, I am,

Very truly yours,

Henry T. Sharp

(illegible) Mass. N.C.&C.

Sept. 23, 1932.

Mr. D. M. Buck,
Bald Mountain, N. C.

Dear Mr. Buck;

As our conversation some time ago, we are going to scout the Appalachian Trail between Unaka Springs to Devils Fork Gap in next week, I believe starting Unaka Springs on Tuesday or Wednesday morning and spend night at Big Bald then next day to Devils Fork Gap.

Enclosed sketck map give you some idea how this Appalachian Trail goes, we have already scouted and markers up East of Unaka Springs and West of Devils Fork Gap, between these two point unfortunately has not been scouted and our Club forced to take over this section on account of no other Club can not handle.

If you can help us that send up some one knows State Line between Big Bald to Devils Fork Gap and meet us in morning certain day at Big Bald and accompany with us to Devils Fork Gap, it certainly great help, but it quite long way, so if can't that far, may lead us to Sams Creek Gap or Rice Creek Gap.

I will stop by on way to Unaka Springs and to see you, then you can talk over this matter definitely.

Thanking you in advance to this matter and indeed appreciate your cooperation to complete Appalachian Trail Maine to Georgia.

With kindest regards, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

George Masa,
Board of Manager,
Unaka District,
Appalachian Trail Confer
P.O.Box 1348,Asheville,N.C.

(Kephart:)Massa NCMC

Waynesville,N.C.
Sept. 26th,1932,

Mr.George Massa,
Arcade Building,
Asheville,N.C.

Dear George,

I have made some investigation as to the Pretty Hollow-Mt.Sterling Ridge-Big Butt Ridge trip that you were talking to me about.

I find that there is a fairly good trail up Pretty Hollow Creek From George N.Palmers to Pretty Hollow Gap. However, from the old N.R.grade to the top the trail is almost obliterated by slashings. The timber on this area was cut about 1927. The going through this brush and briars will be hard.

On the Mt.Sterling Ridge I think there will be open trail only about one-half the way. I surveyed this top in 1928. There is much down timber,brush and briars.

Coming down Big Butt Ridge the trail is probably almost obli terated by slashings from the top to the old R.R. grade. From R.R.Grade back to George Palmers' trail is very good. Total distance to walk 11 to 12 miles.

George,if you decide to put on this trip,I will lead the party or arrange with Jarvis Caldwell to do so. Italked with him yesterday. I would suggest that only fairly well seasoned hikers make this trip.

The log will run about like this:

All day trip. Lunch and probably canteens will be needed.

From Asheville to Waynesville on High way No,10,at Waynesville turn right on Highway No.284,follow this road about 27 miles,passing Delwood,down Jonathan Creek,by Cove Creek P.O.,up Cove creek, through Cove Creek Gap down the mountain on the other side to fork of road on Cataloochee. Here leave 284,turn left up Cataloochee Creek about 3 miles to fork of road at mouth of Indian Creek. Here turn right up Indian creek 1½miles to George N.Palmers8 (he is known locally as Turkey George) last residence on Indian Creek. Here park cars and follow up Pretty Hollow Creek and so forth as described above.

Total distance to drive from Asheville 115 miles,total distance to walk 11 to 12 miles. All roads very good for cars except 1½ miles up Indian Creek a little rough,but easily passible.

Yours very truly,

H. C. Dillaven

(Kephart?) Mesa
NCMC

from Mesa

Sept. 27, 1932.

Mr. B. S. Colburn,
Biltmore Forest,
Biltmore, N. C.

Dear Mr. Colburn;

I am indeed glad inform you that "Appalachian Trail - Maine to Georgia" nearly its goal but there are still gaps in our territory, and we are going to finish these section before Winter comes.

As you will see enclosed sketch map; Section 1, Unaka Springs to Devils Fork Gap about 28 miles our Club newly took over to be scouted and A.T.markers should be put up. Section 2, Devils Fork Gap to Hot Springs, A. T. completed, but Section 3, Hot Springs to Waterville, we must relocate trails. Section 4, thru Great Smokies we depond on National Park Service to take care A.T. but we ought to have datas somehow. Section 5, Tapoco to Wesser, distance about #5 m. we are cooperate with Smoky Mountain Hiking Club of Knoxville. Section 6, is suggestion route made by our Chairman of Board of the Appalachian Trail Comference: Mr. Myron H. Avery, who is Admiralty Attorney of U. S. Shipping Boadd, also President of the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club of Washington, D. C. and he made inspection trip about two weeks ago in our section. Section 7, Wesser to Rich Knob, Georgia Line, most way thru Nantahala National Forest's Trail, some part already logged but some 20 miles should be pushing measuring wheel.

After all we still have quite work ahead us, and we are very anxious to see completion of Appalachian Trail, now I am wondering that you can help us in this occasion, its expenses about $ 75. I don't want you donate this amount just loan and soon time comes to normal, I am indeed glad pay you back.

Last year after Mr. Kephart dies, at annual Conference held in Gatlinburg, they elected me one of Board of Manager of Unaka District, for other word put me in Mr. Kephart's place, look after the Trail, if my financial condition allowed I could willingly do my part,

(Kephart?) Masa
Asheville

Colburn from Masa
9/27/1932

in fact, I am doing best I can to complete this project. Unfortunately this darn depression, so called,hit hard with my business, I am just barely keep going. The reason I send you this S. O. S.

I believe it takes about 10 days or two weeks, that following schedule which my figure:-

2 or 3 days	--- Scouting and take datas, put A.T. Markers put up from Unaka Springs to Devils Fork Gap.
2 days	--- Relocation from Hot Springs to Waterville.
3 days	--- Scouting and A.T.Markers up with taking datas from Tapoco to Wesser.
3 days	--- Silers Bald to Wesser, A.T.Markers up and getting datas.
3 days	--- In Nantahala National Forest, put up A.T.Markers as it standard and getting datas.

Our Club let me have $ 15. for transportation and general expenses, butI have to take one or two mambers with me, most of trips naturally I can't let them pay their expenses, some time we must take Bus some distance which we can not make any connection with our automobile, most time we prefer camp out, but when a couple days hard hike and hit a town we like to hit soft bed in hotel, ofcause I am very careful spending the fund at this time. When through these trips I am glad send you statement, also when I report these datas to Headquarter, I am give you full credit that financial helped this project.

Enclosed newspaper clip may give you idea what this A. T. Conference are, it National movement, Benton Mackaye its originator who dreamed this project about eleven years ago and who will see his dream is realized ten years after.

I wish some one start another Trail to parallel with A. T. Georgia to Maine, because some well known peaks in Blue Ridge not in Appalachian Trail for instance: Grandfather Mtn. also Mt. Mitchell, we should have return Trail - by other name - after we completed A. T.

I am so sorry I took to much your time writing such long letter, but when it comes to A. T. simply I can't help it.

With warmest regards, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

George Masa,
P. O. Box 1348,
Asheville, N. C.

(Replied) Masa ncmc From M. Avery

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C. W. WILLIAMS
Silver Spring, Maryland

September 28, 1932.

Mr. George Masa,
Asheville Photo Service,
Asheville,
North Carolina.

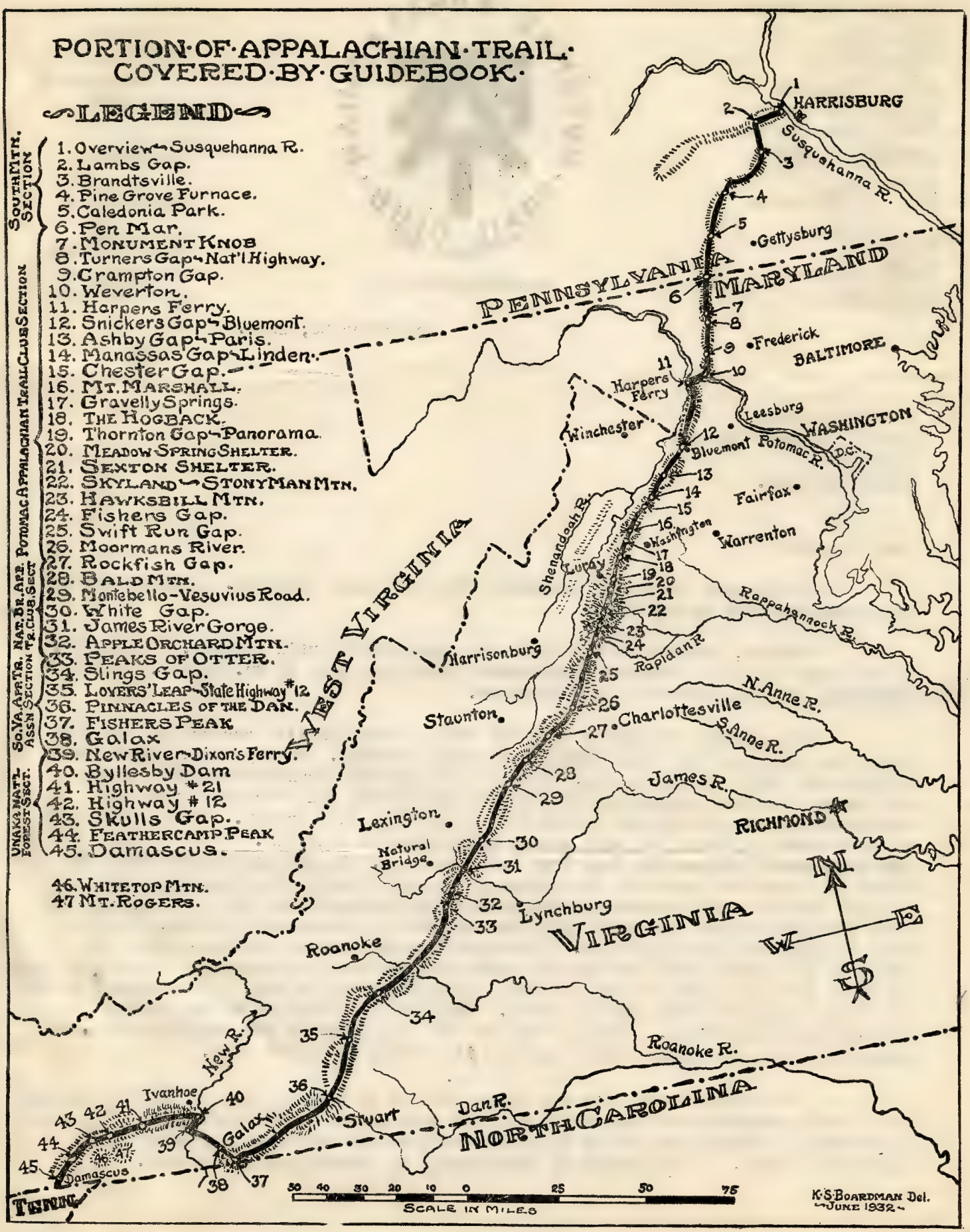
Dear George:

I read your letter of September 21st with much interest. I am amazed at the speed you made on the trip.

Perhaps, there is a mix up on the Appalachian Trail markers. How many do you have in all? Perhaps these should have been sent to Mr. Graham. I can determine this as soon as I hear from you.

You probably orginally knew the whole situation with respect to the note which you gave for the money advanced by Judge Perkins. At any rate, I want to explain the whole situation now, so as to prevent any misunderstanding. I am not keen on mixing firendship and business and it was only because I saw an opportunity to be of service to you that I got into this matter. We have certain work arranged in Maine for next summer which must be paid for. This locality was one that Judge Perkins had long been interested in. He had some money available which he wished to donate to this purpose but as it would otherwise lie idle, he thought that he could accomplish his purpose by accommodating you and arranging to have the money repaid in sufficient time to meet the Maine obligations, which we were to assume at his direction. Consequently, his lawyer- partner- wrote and asked me if I would hold the note in trust for the specific purpose. The letter made it clear that if I would do so, he would loan the money to you. Of course, I told him that I would be very glad to do so. This is the situation which you may already have understood. So you can see that the money is not needed until next summer but that at least a major portion of it will be needed then.

It occurs to me that you could get rid of a small part of this by turning out a rather large slide collection for the Appalachian Trail Conference, at a price which would be worth your while to bother with and at the same time under the commercial rates. This would be very useful in Appalachian Trail work.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I hope that I have made the whole situation with respect to the note entirely clear and that things will go better so that it can be straightened up next summer when the obligations assumed on the Maine work accrue.

Sincerely yours,

Myron

Myron H. Avery,
U. S. Shipping Board,
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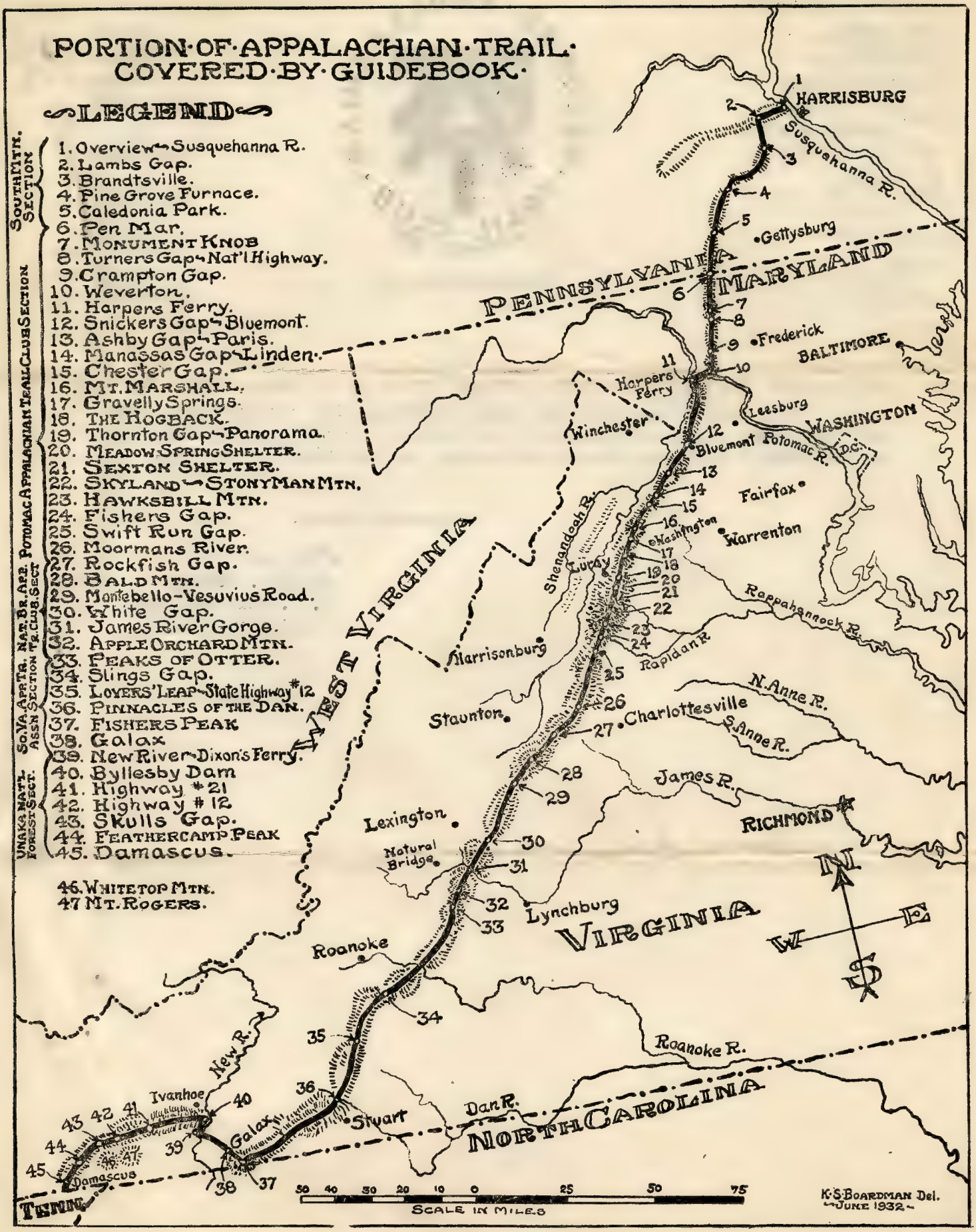
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October 3. 1932.

Dear George,

I was very pleased to receive your letter and the prints, which arrived safely. - Your excellent pictures make me very dissatisfied with my poor effort -

I was interested to hear about your trip, and hope it cured the hayfever, so that you will be feeling fit again - How I wish I could come down again this fall, but I dont see any possibility - However I must certainly return to "Smoky" for further exploration sometime -

Doubtless Thyson would tell you all about our adventures on Guyot, and how your equipment enabled us to make a "dry" camp when we got stopped by the storm - I would have missed that trip for anything, though I must admit I wouldnt be too keen about trying that

State Line Trail on my own.

I am writing up an account of the trip, and will send you a copy when it is ready.

I hope the box containing your axe, canteen and cooking kit arrived ok. Im afraid I overlooked it when I first returned, then I had to go out of town for some days.

Yes, Ken received the wire all right, and he did not come down. He wishes to be remembered to you.

I want to thank you again for your many kindnesses during our trip, which made it much more enjoyable. I hope when you come to Washington you wont fail to let me know.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

J Wadsworth

Enclosing check for $5.47

What happened to my hammer?

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October 3, 1932.

Mr. George Masa,
P. O. Box 1348,
Asheville, North Carolina.

Dear Mr. Masa:

Your letter of October 1 to Mr. Cammerer, with clippings, has been received during his absence from Washington, but I am holding them for him to read upon his return.

Sincerely yours,

M. Madeleine McGrath

Secretary to Mr. Cammerer

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OCT -4 1932

Mr. George Masa,
P. O. Box 1348,
Asheville, North Carolina.

Dear Mr. Masa:

Upon my return to Washington after having been in Acadia National Park for two months, the photographs of Smoky Mountains, taken from the top of Mt. Guyot, were brought to my attention.

These are wonderfully good photographs and I assure you that I am much pleased to have them and wish to thank you for sending them to me. It must have been very satisfying to you to find such a good day for taking the pictures as I know how disappointing it might have been had you made the hard trip to Guyot and found bad weather.

I hope to go again to the Smokies for a few days some time this fall but regret that it will not be possible to spend much time there.

Yours very truly,

Oliver G. Taylor

OLIVER G. TAYLOR,
Assistant Chief Engineer.

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October 12, 1932.

Mr. George Masa,
Asheville,
North Carolina.

Dear George:

I have been chasing back and forth on a couple of trips to New York and this is the first chance I have had to answer your letter of October 5th. You sent me a very fine sketch map. It makes the region even clearer to me. Like you I was puzzled over "Cox Cove Gap".

At any rate you have a very good start for you have been able to learn the various existing trails. I like the idea of the route from Unaka Springs to Can Lot via Granny Lewis for it means Forest Service trail- good trail and one which will be kept up. If, as I hope, Flattop can be taken in, I would have expected that the Long Branch route would be shorter; Deadrick's calling it the same distance indicates that one could still use the Forest Service trail without loss of a direct route.

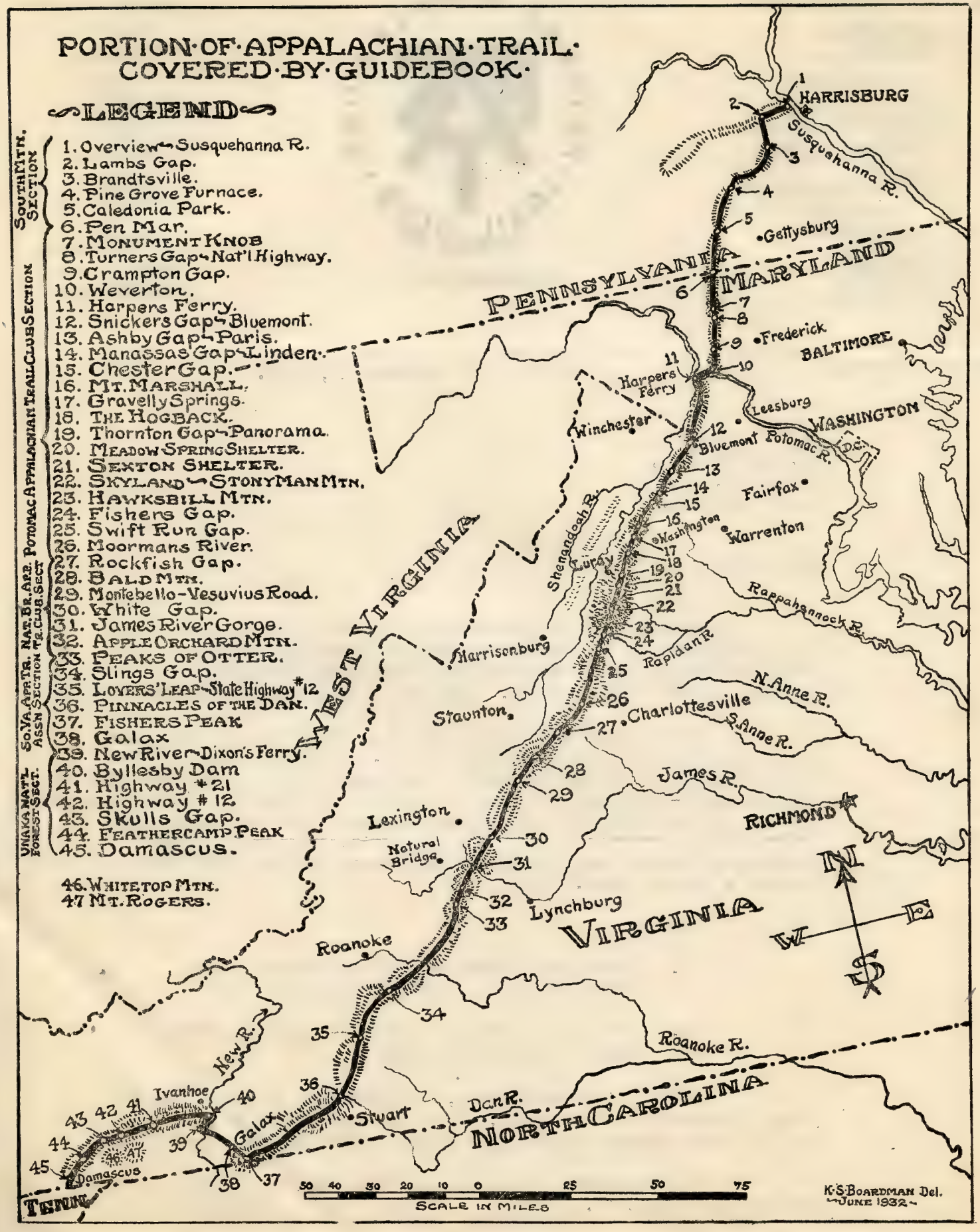
Now is:

1. Is the trail from Can Lot to Flattop on the State Line still Forest Service?

2. Is there any trail from the bridge near Hollow Poplar Creek to Flattop?

Even if "2" trail exists, I think Unaka Springs the best point of approach to the trail. That railroad bridge east is bad and if I were laying the trail, I think I would hold to the old route.

The next time I come south, I should like to spend an evening at Deadrick's.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I am letting Wood see your letter. I am much interested as you know, in all this and appreciate your keeping me advised of developments. Don't forget that paint and markers are needed at the north end of the bridge over the river.

Sincerely,

Myron H. Avery,
U. S. Shipping Board,
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Mr. George Masa,

Box 1348,

Asheville, North Carolina.

Dear Mr. Masa:

I have received the pictures you forwarded and appreciate very much your thoughtfulness in sending them to us. They will make very interesting reminders to us of a very novel trip which we enjoyed very much. I regret that you could not have been in the peiture yourself.

Dr. Barker sent me a clipping regarding that very rough trip that a small group took in the Great Smokies; it sounded very adventurous.

Don't forget to come up into our section and hit the trail with us some time.

With best wishes and regards,

Cordially yours,

Fred

Fred. M. Davis.

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GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK
GATLINBURG, TENNESSEE

Oct. 18, 1932.

Mr. George Masa,
Arcade Building,
Asheville, N. C.

Dear Mr. Masa:

The maps sent with your letter of Oct. 14 have been duly received. You will shortly receive checks for the photographs and maps.

I shall be very glad to see you any time you get over this way.

I am today sending you copy of a letter I have just written to Mr. Gaudger of Asheville who states that the name "Welch Ridge" is improperly placed on your map.

Very truly yours,

J. R. Eakin,
Superintendent.

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U.S. Mail from Eakin
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October 18, 1932

Mr. Owen Gudger,
14 Carolina Apartments,
Asheville, N. C.

Dear Sir:

Please accept our thanks for your letter calling our attention to an error in our preliminary base map.

It is noted the ridge between Hazel and Forney Creeks is called Welch Ridge on our map, whereas the correct name is Forney Ridge. Our information came from a very excellant map of the North Carolina section of the park prepared by Mr. George Masa, Asheville, North Carolina, and it was our understanding the names thereon had been approved by the North Carolina Nomenclature Committee.

Our preliminary base map was prepared primarily for mapping plans for development of the park and not for distribution, and for that reason the names were not as thoroughly proof read as they might have been.

I am taking the liberty of forwarding your letter to Mr. Frank Bond, Chairman, U. S. Geographic Board for his information.

When the new topographic map of the park is issued, you may be sure the correct names will be used.

Very truly yours,

J. R. Eakin,
Superintendent.

cc Mr. Bond
Mr. Masa
Mr. Needham.

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Oct. 25, 1932.

Mr. George Masa,
Arcade Building,
Asheville, N. C.

Dear Mr. Masa:

I have your letter of Oct. 20 concerning the names "Welch Ridge" and "Forney Ridge" as used by your Nomenclature Committee for certain ridges in the North Carolina section of the park. I am taking the liberty of forwarding your letter to Mr. Frank Bond, Chairman of the U. S. Geographic Board, for his information.

I might add that everyone with whom I have talked believes the name "Welch Ridge" and "Forney Ridge" are properly placed on your map.

Very truly yours,

J. R. Eakin,
Superintendent.

cc Mr. Bond

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Mr. George Masa,
Asheville Photo Service,
Arcade Building,
Asheville, N. C.

Dear Mr. Masa:

I was glad to receive the newspaper articles of the proposed development of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park as presented by Superintendent Eakin.

They certainly are fine articles and I am glad they have made a favorable impression on the people of North Carolina.

Sincerely yours,

Arno B. Cammerer

ARNO B. CAMMERER.
Acting Director.

My best regards
George.

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Asheville Photo Service.
Asheville - N.C.

Enclosed please find check. 140 your bill is 130 but there may be some exchange charge on check.
I wish to thank you for your fine service, your work is very fine, and on my way through Asheville I will ask you to kindly develop and print all the rest of my work.

Thanking you
Sam
R. F. Ingerle -

Waynesville,N.C.
Nov.4th,1932

Mr.George Massa,
Asheville,N.C.

My Dear George,

I received your letter yesterday. Very sorry I was away when you came. I did not return till nearly night.

Of course I was glad to get the topo map. I hope if is not interfering with your plans to let me have it back. If you have to have it in your business I will try to copy it and let you have it back as soon as possible.

George I am sorry to have to say to you in regard to your proposition about the $200.00 in money that I am not in a position to accommodate you,much as I would like to do so. I do have a little cash money that I have saved from my salary while working for the Park Commission. But as you may already know,I have not been working regular since first of last June. My oldest Daughter is in college this year,and with other family expenses,I will be fortunate if can get along till I have finished my map, or succeed in getting employment.

In regard to the projection apparatus that I talked to you about. I have recently been advised by Mr.Walker of the Geological Survey that the new topo map is not going to be printed and available till late in next year. That being the case,I have decided to go ahead with my map,using the advance sheets,and transferring the contours by tracing direct over carbon paper.This method does not require the projection apparatus. But it is a slower process,and I think not so accurate. If I could have gotten the new map I intended to install the projection equipment,and make my map on a somewhat smaller scale. I will come in to see you first time I am in Asheville,

Yours very sincerely,

H.C.Wilburn.

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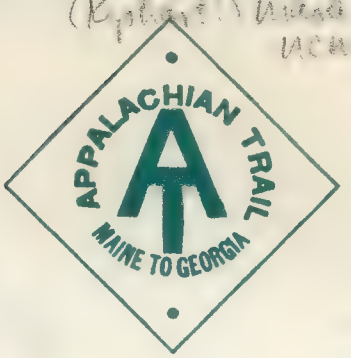

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November 4, 1932.

Mr. George Masa,
Asheville Photo Service,
Asheville,
North Carolina.

Dear George:

As usual, I read your letters with great interest. The maps were very helpful. I have passed them on to Malcolm Wood to read.

We had a very successful conference last week-end at the Peaks of Otter with an attendance of about 100. There will be organized a new Roanoke Valley Appalachian Trail Club to help care for the territory south of the Peaks of Otter.

Let me hear from you as matters develop.

The Bergans Agency is being discontinued and the packs are being sold at cost. You can get a man's size Bergans at $9.60 and the light weight woman's pack at $5.00.

Your letter of October 31st has just come in. It is fine news. You certainly have had an interesting experience with that region. I have checked your map, distances, etc. with the typed sheet. I guess it is the usual story of small scale maps and the admitted inaccuracy on some of the earlier sheets.

In view of the distance to be cut, I would by all means take the sled road east of Sugarloaf. Perhaps, a side trail could be blazed to its top. Especially since it seems you will have to cut 1.2 m. from Sugarload to the old road. It will probably mean a trip each year to clear out the blackberries briers as it is.

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When it comes to painting this why don't you have the trips listed as a part of the Club program?

Sincerely,

Myron H. Avery,
U. S. Shipping Board,
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November 9, 1932

Mr. George Masa
Asheville Photo Service
Asheville, N. C.

Dear Mr. Masa:

It will be satisfactory for you to use the buff or eggshell finish, which will differentiate it from the black and white. Please finish the photographs as per your letter of October 31st, and instead of sending them to me to the above address will you please forward the shipment to

R. H. Kress
Rockhill
Ossining, N. Y.

Appreciating your attention,

Yours very truly,

R. H. Kress

P.S. I note that you desire payment of the invoice for the work to be done, so enclose check for $46.45 covering the two invoices of September 24th and November 5th. This is the same price we pay for this class of work at Ossining.

If you forward these prints by mail, will you please be sure to insure them.

(Kephart Mona Nicht

Nov. 14, 1932.

Mr. R. F. Ingerle,
Publicity Art Studio,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Ingerle;

I hope you had nice trip to back your city.

Now I am in very critical situation that raise up capital or close up my place, either one I have to choose, ofcause I like to continue my business because I know I will make some money very near future, so I am offering the proposition that if one back me up right now $ 1000. (may this amount divide $ 500. by now and $ 500. by January) I will give him 50 % profit, this means the business whatever I attend, not only photographic, its include others, for instance I am preparing to issue Guide book of Great Smoky Mountains National Park, etc., I talked with a few of my friends near around, but seems to me they are not much interested to our New National Park, because they donJt know much about this National Park, so you see, it is very hard to expáinn and convince him, indeed I don't expect that 3 million visitors in the year to Great Smoky, but National Park Service of Washington issued statement visitors in Great Smoky:- 154,000 in 1931; 300,000 in 1932.

We understood the report made at Superintendent office saying 300,000 in 1931 and 600,000 in 1932. Seems to me Washington office afraid over estimated, thus cut figures in half, any way this New Park increasing visitors even we had so called "Depression"

And I have confidence as you have too with our new National Park, if we don't some one will.

In 1929 I had partner till 1930 who doesn't work and draw money and I was tired out sold to other party, this party wanted me in, as they know that without me worth anything, so they incorporated but carried business just the same so in 1931 (June) they bursted and Morgage Company took over, so I bought it back myself and continue the business, but I haven't any working capital, this bother me all time and haven't any business past year not only me, all over the States as you know. So I don't want partner or similer one this time, but I will make agreement protect one who back me up.

I have very close contact with Mr. Albright and Mr. Cammerer of National Park Service in personally also influential persons connect with Park Service.

(Kephart:) Masa NCMC

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Mr. George Masa,
Asheville Photo Service,
Asheville,
North Carolina.

Dear George:

I am pleased to have your letter of November 2nd. I am glad to know that you are feeling better.

I am amused at what you write about Myron Glaser. We will certainly ride him about that.

I think I can tell you what you want to know about the Bergan pack. The stock is being sold out at cost. There is a 40% reduction on the men's models (2). Most of the packs in stock are the A-3 model, which is the usual Bergans used. There are a few of the other kind which is the light pack. On the women's models there is a 50% reduction. I don't know whether both models are available but I think it is safe to assume that they can be had.

Do you think there is any chance of your being able to do anything on the slides soon.

Let me know how the trail scouting comes on. Harvey Broome writes me that they have permisson from all but one owner on the Nantahala-Tapoco link and that their program next year lists work trips.

Sincerely,

Myron

Myron H. Avery,
U. S. Shipping Board,
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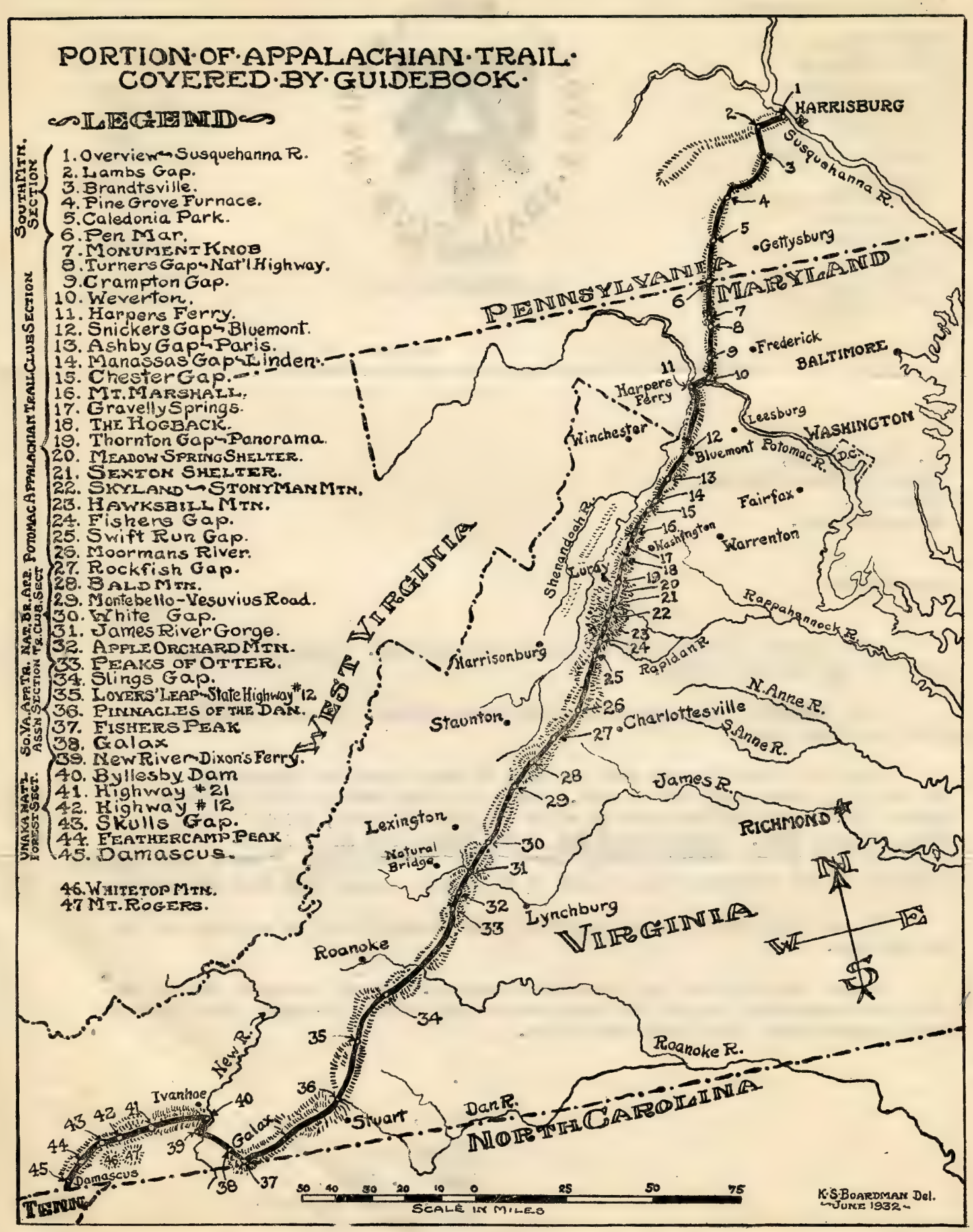
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Nov. 16, 1932.

Mr. R. H. Kress,
37 Washington Square West,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Kress;

I am sending you under separate cover by insured mail the prints which you ordered which addressed to Rockhill Ossining, hope they reach there safely.

I have good plan do some business for Great Smoky Mountains National Park and Western North Carolina, but it takes about $ 1000. I am trying to sell half interest of my business at that price, I don't weather I can sale it or not, if I can't sale I think I will close up business because I am just tired out worrying about what I am doing now. If so I will take care of your negatives O. K.

Yes, I have very close contact with Directors of National Park Service, also some influential persons and expect to get some business when they start development, the reason I am very anxious to carry my plan that making post cards and small views, as well as 8 X 10 prints togather, all tourists demand it, Park Superintendent Office announced that visitors 500,000 in 1931; 600,000 in 1932, but Washington Office made statement and saying:- 154,000 in 1931; 300,000 in 1932. Well anyhow we gained 100% regardless of this depression, and I believe our new National Park draw more visitors than any other National Parks.

Seems to me all these mountain people near around just have same old spirit, can't get over with it, outsiders come in and take oppotunity, then they found out try to start, but that is too late, I learned from Emerson's "Pushing to the Front" saying Oppotunity's head hair grows only front, so when it toward you, can grab it easy but when he passed can't catch him because back of head is bare. I hate to miss this chance so I will try best I can.

Thanking you for your past favor, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

(Kephart:) masa ncmc

Nov. 20, 1932.

Mr. C. L. Graham, Supervisor,
Unaka National Forest,
Bristol, Tenn.

Dear Mr. Graham;

We scouted between Unaka Springs to Devile Fork Gap in three trips as every time rain halted us hike through entire route, at first trip we hiked Unaka Springs to highway at Spivey Gap. and second trip we started highway to Big Bald but next day rained forced us came down Flagpound, third trip we climbed Big Bald then to Streets Gap(Head of Higgins Creek) camped out then next day finished up to Devils Fork Gap.

When we thru top of Little Bald we saw your A corner No. 430 and noticed that you own lands along State line, I wonder if there is any chance, your Service clear up the trail or not, say once in the year may be.

Mr. Deadrick of your Service help us great deal and he is very interesting parson, I like to talk with him a few days.

We just scout thru entire route, but there are two or three places have to re-scout to be made as we like to as near as perfect possible, when we completed this route I am glad send you trail datas.

I had busy time to shooting Col. Bobins as you may noticed in newspapers so far any cameraman couldn't shoot yet, we watching some chance to come. I missed to visit your forest this Fall but I will try coming Spring with my camera.

Very sincerely yours,

George Masa,
P. O. Box 1548,
Asheville, N. C.

(Kephart:) mass ncmc

November 26, 1932.

Mr. Harvey Broome,
Box 1315,
Knoxville,
Tennessee.

Dear Harvey:

I have just come back from New England where I took up the Conference dates. Everything there favored the July 1st and 2nd. Many people could use that Tuesday for trips or returning from the Conference. The Conference is to start Saturday noon, so I think that you won't be able to use that Tuesday in getting up, if it were the following week-end. This Conference will be in keeping with the times and, of course, do not hope to attain to the standard of the 1931 Conference.

So in view of the greater convenience and I hope to you people under the plans as I outline them, won't the period of July 1st and 2nd work out better?

Yours of Thanksgiving Day at hand. Many thanks for your prompt reply. Your suggested corrections have all been made.

When was this 8 miles done and where? Paint and markers both?

Your Nantahala Gorge is a logical division. Under the facts, I am sure George will agree. I am sending him a copy of this letter. Those fellows have a real task in the section from the Nolichucky to Devils Fork Gap.

Sincerely,

Myron H. Avery,
U. S. Shipping Board,
Washington, D.C.

CC: Mr. Mass.

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Nov. 26, 1932.

Mr. Myron H. Avery,
U. S. Shipping Board,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Myron;

The weather prevent us to make scouting trip to Flattop, then last week Col. Robins story broke out, put me in toughest job I ever assigned for Pathe News also International News Photo. I am sure glad it over, last Friday night when this news on wire New York office called me up by telephone, then telegrams and telephones kept me up almost all night.

I don't know what weather tomorrow will be, but it was rain yesterday and this morning, rain stopped this P.M. still cloud hanging low, if clears up I will be on top of Flattop.

About slides I believe I can start next week, ofcause I can't make 50 or 100 at same time, but say 25 or more start with.

Now I want ask you that if you have any data about the prices of MARKER, how much cost A.T.Marker as we using now, also other markers, I saw several of them at Gatlinburg, last year. Well, I tell you why I asking this matter: our Club wants markers for use other trail beside A.T. for instance trail to Mt. Mitchell, Grandfather, Roan, Richland Balsam, etc., and wanted me find out, so please let me know.

Also when you have chance please ask U.S.G.S. how soon new 1" - 1 mile scale topo map of Great Smoky will be out, I am preparing to make new map which base on advance sheet covering entire Park, but if U. S.G.S. new map comes out soon, no use to me spend quite time and hard work on it.

Yours,

(Kephart:) Masa NCMC

Nov. 28, 1932.

Mr. John B. Byrne, Supervisor,
Nantahala National Forest,
Franklin, N. C.

Dear Mr. Byrne;

When you are going to make inspection trip Deep Gap to Georgia Line as we spoke about?

We are very anxious to complete A.T. datas in our section as soon as possible, recently we took over A. T. that Nolichucky River to Devils Fork Gap and I was busy scouting this section, but it almost done so I can get in your section whenever you ready.

As you know I must push wheel following section in your Forest:-

(1) Deep Gap to Rich Knob.
(2) Wayah Gap (Nantahala Gap) to Wallace Gap.
(3) Wesser Bald to Highway No. 10.

I understand that you are making trails and roads in your forest kept you busy, may keeping you still busy, and I hate ask you while you are in such position that spare your time to A.T. so ofcause we can wait.

If I come to Franklin and make these trips I like to finish up, it means I have to have your help - transportation etc. Please let me know about when it will be convenient to you.

Hope to see you soon, with warmest regards,

Very sincerely yours,

George Masa,
P.O.Box 1348,
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November 29, 1932.

Mr. George Masa,
Asheville Photo Service,
Asheville,
North Carolina.

Dear George:

I have your letter of November 26, 1932. Here is the story of the Appalachian Trail markers. We buy the galvanized iron in sheets; have it cut out in 4 inch squares. For lots of 3,000 we pay $16.00 a thousand for 4 inch squares with the nail holes cut in. Then we have themprinted, using waterproof ink. Mr. Ricker runs them through a printing press at the cost of $6.00 a thousand. We are somewhat skeptical as to how these will weather for in exposed places they have faded rapidly, leaving a sort of an etched effect. If iron nails are used in place of galvanized iron they rust rapidly. We have decided that if the monogram fades that instead of removing them, we will paint them white. You might very well use the zinc squares and paint them different colors. The monogram does not help very much any way. I think though that paint on the trees and rocks is more permanent and satisfactory. Judge Perkins had the die made which is used in printing, so I cannot tell what it cost or where it got it, it is made of rubber.

What you say about the slides is very satisfactory.

I was at the Survey a little while ago and they told me that they hoped to have the new map of Smoky in two parts available next summer. None of the present advanced sheets for either park will be engraved. ~~Evidently~~ what is in there will appear in the form of the regular fifteen minute quadrangles. Under the circumstances, I would think that you would be just as well off to wait for this map. Of course,

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you know of the Park Service map of the Smoky region.

Paul spent this week-end here with his family. I was very glad to see them.

Sincerely,

Myron

Myron H. Avery,
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Nov. 30, 1932

Mr. George Masa,
Arcade Bldg.,
Asheville, N. C.

Dear George:

I have your copy of letter to Myron under date of November 28th. I am glad that you agree with my suggestion that we end our trail responsibility at the Nantahala River rather than at Wesser Bald. As I remember, we crossed the river at Wesser Station and that would make a close connection with your route to the Bald.

We are having our installation of officers on December 10th, probably at Mountain View Hotel at Gatlinburg. Hope you can come over as you did last year.

Very sincerely yours,

Harvey

Harvey Broome
President

(Kephart:) Masa NCMC

Dec. 1, 1932.

Mr. Rudolph F. Ingerle,
180 N. Michigan Ave.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Ingerle;

I wrote you on Nov. 14th, but up to this writing I didn't hear from you, so that I wondering, I may mail that letter wrong address or you were out of city and your assistant miss place my letter as I had quite experience in my place.

So I just drop a line, like to know what do you think about it, I am very anxious to hear from you.

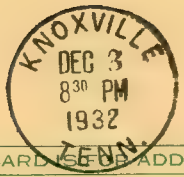
Hope you are feel fine at these days,

with warmest regards, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

George Masa,
P. O. Box 1348,
Asheville, N. C.

P.S. Please excuse using Club letterhead, am writing this at home and my letterhead exhausted which I didn't notice.



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Mr. Harvey B. Broome,
228 E. Hill Ave.,
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ANNUAL INVITATION OF THE [illegible]
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Sat. Dec. 10 at 7 o'clock.

[illegible] Notice: Change of place to Whittles Springs Hotel. Banquet .75¢ Room $1.00 Breakfast 40¢ to 40¢ -Square Dance?- Sure thing! Splendid 5 piece orchestra. The best we've had yet. Of course we go on the hike as scheduled. Leave Dixie System Sun. Dec. 11 at 8:00 A. M. Sharp (Bring food for one meal) Make reservations by Thursday night.

Phone Charlotte Floyd 3-2087 after 4 P. M.

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Monday. Dec 5 - 1932.

Dear George -

Thanks for the explanation as to how the mistake was made as to A connecting point. It helps to know those things.

On account of the illness of Mrs. Huff - at Mtn. View Hotel — we have changed our installation to the Whittle Springs Hotel in Knoxville. The hike will start from Dixie System in Knoxville at 8 A M on Sunday. I enclose announcement card with data. Come on over if you can, George; never mind about making your reservation.

Regards —

Harvey

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Dec. 5, 1932.

Mr. George Masa,
P.O. Box 1348,
Asheville, N.C.

Dear Mr. Masa:

Reference is made to your letter of November 28.

My plans for the fall have been upset by the road construction program, and the temporary transfer of my assistant to Washington. I am very anxious to take the trip from Deep Gap to Rich Knob, and believe it can be worked in before Christmas. I will call you by phone sometime next week.

With best personal regards, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

John B. Byrne

John B. Byrne,
Forest Supervisor.

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December 9, 1932

Mr. Myron H. Avery,
Washington, D. C.

Mr. George Mass,
Asheville, N. C.

Dear Myron and George,

While I do not actually become chairman of the Smoky Mountains Hiking Club's A.T. committee until after the installation on tomorrow night, Harvey Broome has asked that I give both of ~~him~~ you the information about the location of the A.T. at Tapoco.

We have the permission of the Aluminum Company to run the trail across the Cheoah Dam. This is more interesting, and less dangerous, than following the highway across the river bridge. After crossing the dam, from north to south, the trail ~~then~~ goes down by the power house then follows the follows the highway for a few hundred yards, thru Tapoco, to the Meadow Branch road, which it follows to the east. By keeping the right-hand fork at the two places where this road forks it brings us to a gap in Yellow Creek Mountain approximately a mile (or less) from Tapoco. It is a little-used country road.

With reference to the correct name for the dam at Tapoco, Mr. A.D.Huddleston, of the Aluminum Company, told me that it is officially designated as the "Cheoah Dam", since it is located at the mouth of Cheoah River. The Santeetlah Dam is named for a similar reason - it being at the mouth of Santeetlah Creek.

Our new A.T.Committee has set January 15 as the date for completion of the clearing of the Trail to Wesser Station, in Nantahala Gorge. We plan to have six or eight work crews on the job on that date. I shall report the results of this trip within a day or two afterwards.

Cordially,
Carlos

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Carlos C. Campbell
Box 822, Knoxville

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December 12, 1932.

Mr. George Masa,
Asheville Photo Service,
Asheville,
North Carolina.

Dear George:

I read with much interest your letter of December 7, 1932. As usual your sketch helped me understand the situation. I shall be mubh interested to know what you find between Bluff and where you stopped scouting. I wrote Harvey to ask whether this place was called Tapoco or Cheoah by the Smoky people. Even if the exact trail route misses it, it would be only a short distance away from the route and people could easily detour in there. They will have to cross over close to it.

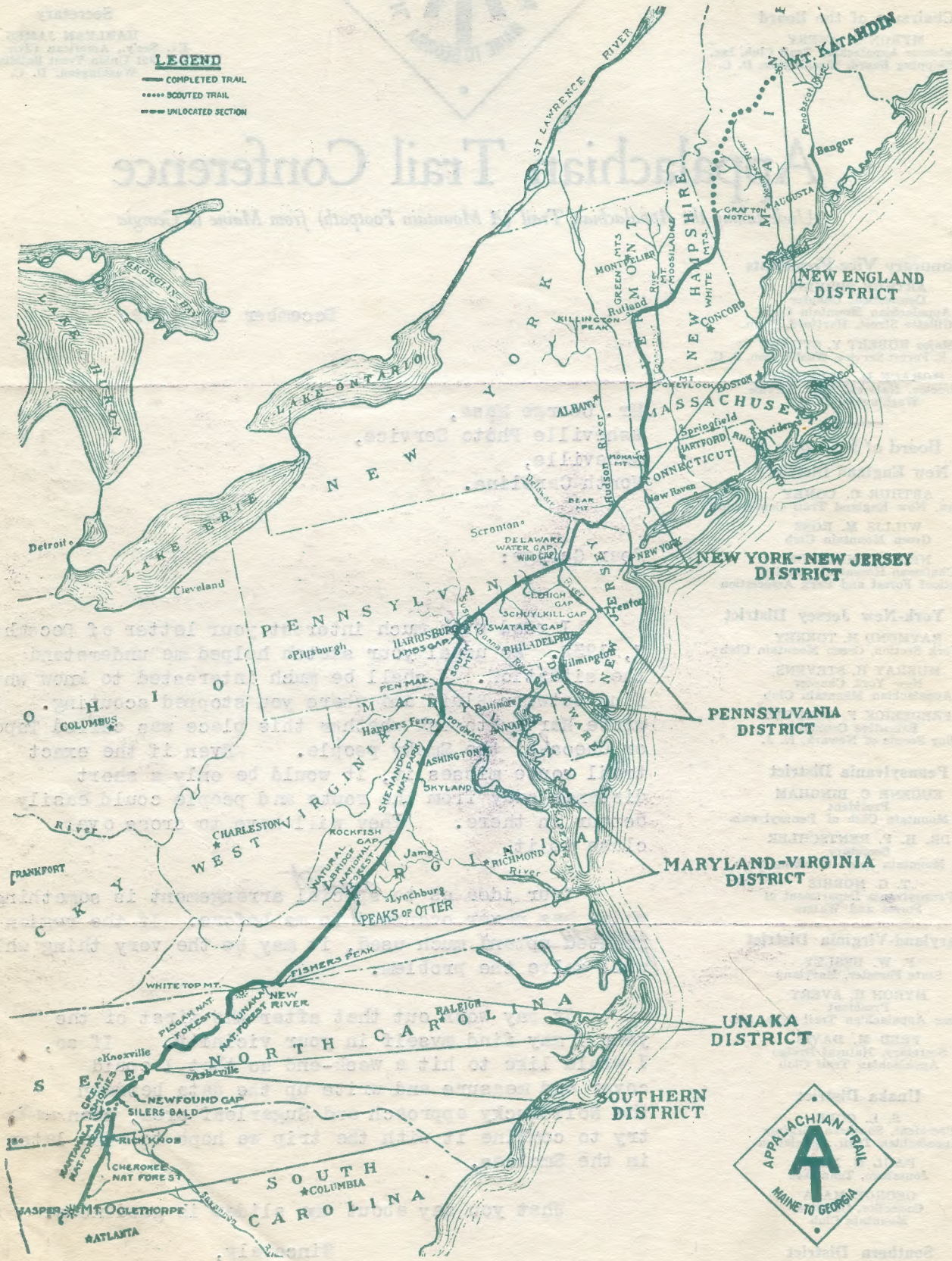
Your idea as to ~~special~~ deposit arrangement is something which has never occurred to me before. If the region gets ~~painted up~~ popular and much used, it may be the very thing which will solve the problem.

It may work out that after the first of the year I may find myself in your vicinity. If so, I would like to hit a week-end so that I could cover and measure and write up the data between the Nolichucky approach and Sugarloaf area, ~~then~~ rather than try to combine it with the trip we hope to make later in the Smokies.

What you say about the slides is good news.

Sincerely,

Myron H. Avery,
Washington, D.C.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